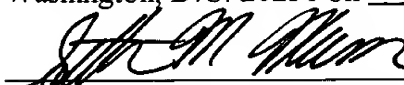


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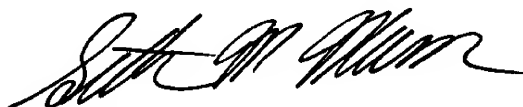
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Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.56, the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the cited documents are enclosed.

Applicant respectfully asserts that the substantive provisions of 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98 are met by the foregoing statement.

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